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SUBJ: ESCAP: RESOLUTIONS ON CIRDA, RESTRUCTURING AND TECHNOLOGY
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1. TEXTS OF OPERATIVE PARAS OF THREE RESOLUTIONS

REQUESTED REFTEL FOLLOW:

A. INTEGRATED PROGRAM ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. CALLS UPON THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION
AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY MEMBERS OF
THE COMMISSION TO GIVE INCREASED ATTENTION IN THEIR DELI-
BERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FORMULATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE AN IMMEDIATE
BEARING ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO DRAW UP A DETAILED
PROGRAM OF WORK ON RURAL X DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF
THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE COMMISSION AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
CONCERNED AGENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY
THE CENTER FOR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA, IMMEDIATELY
IMPLEMENT SUCH CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES AS ARE FEASIBLE, TAKE
ALL NECESSARY MEASURES INCLUDING APPROPRIATE STRENGTHENING OF THE
SECRETARIAT, TO ENSURE UNDER HIS GUIDANCE THE MORE EFFECTIVE
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CORRDINATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATING TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT,

AND SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT IN THIS REGARD TO THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION,

3. URGES MEMBER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO CONTINUE AND INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMISSION IN IMPLEMENTING ACTIVITIES RELATING TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT,

4. FURTHER REQUESTS INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE AND ASSIST IN THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES RELATING TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

B. STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL STRUCTURES

1. RECOMMENDS THAT GIVEN ITS SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE COMMISSION IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, FIRSTLY TO PROVIDE A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AND SECONDLY, TO COORDINATE ITS IMPLEMENTATION ON AN INTEGRATED BASIS, AND SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE ACCORDED PRIMACY OF PLACE IN BOTH CONCEPTUALIZATION AND COORDINATION OF DEVELOPMENT AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL,

2. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED TO UNDERTAKE OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO ADEQUATELY MONITOR, EVALUATE AND APPRAISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES,

3. URGES THE NEED FOR AUTOMATICITY IN, AND SYSTEMATIC AND RAPID DECENTRALIZATION TO THE COMMISSION OF THOSE REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE REGION OF WHICH THE COMMISSION IS AT PRESENT, OR COULD IN FUTURE BE EXPECTED TO BECOME THE EXECUTING AGENCY,

4. FURTHER URGES THAT SUCH DECENTRALIZATION OF FUNCTIONS BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALLOCATION TO THE COMMISSION OF REQUISITE GENERAL MANAGEMENT RESOURCES AND DELEGATION OF POWERS IN THE RECRUITMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE, TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF,

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5. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO TRANSMIT THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR NECESSARY ACTION BY APPROPRIATE FORUMS TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL STRUCTURES.

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

1. ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROJECT REPORT BY THE GROUP OF REGIONAL EXPERTS,
 2. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS INCLUDING THE CONVENING OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING FOR THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED CENTER IN INDIA, WHOSE PRIMARY FUNCTION WOULD BE TO INITIATE AND SUPPORT NATIONAL PROGRAMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY,
 3. CALLS UPON ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, SUCH AS UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNESCO, FAO, ILO, WIPO AND UNDP TO EXTEND ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT,
 4. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1896 (LVII), TO DESIGNATE THE COMMISSION AS THE EXECUTING AGENCY FOR THE PROJECT.
2. FIRST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH IN RESOLUTION ON INTEGRATED PROGRAM ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT REFERS TO NEW DELHI DECLARATION WHICH "DEFINED REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND TO A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY..."

3. FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH IN RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOLLOWS:
"RECOGNIZING CONSISTENT EMPHASIS PLACED UPON ELIMINATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL GAPS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, IN PARTICULAR, AS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 3202 OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA ON NEW INTERNATIONAL
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ECONOMIC ORDER AND ITS PLAN OF ACTION AND IN LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION."

4. ACCORDING TO ESCAP/FAO AGRICULTURAL DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF BILLINGSLEY, CIRDA IDEA COMES FROM JAPAN WHICH ORIGINALLY OFFERED \$500,000 TO ESTABLISH CENTER. FAO HEARD ABOUT IT AND PUSHED FOR A WORLD CENTER ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT. SURVEY OF 12 ASIAN COUNTRIES WAS THEN CONDUCTED BY FAO EXPERT CLARK. JAPAN THEN CALLED FOR MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD MARCH 22-27 IN BANGKOK TO LAUNCH CIRDA, SET UP GOVERNING BOARD AND SELECT SITE. JAPAN OBVIOUSLY WANTS IT LOCATED IN JAPAN BUT ESCAP WOULD LIKE IT IN BANGKOK. ESCAP IS STILL TRYING TO GET ITSELF INVITED TO CIRDA MEETING, BUT FAO IS RELUCTANT. FAO WANTS AVOID INVITING OTHER COMMISSIONS, WHO, ILO, ETC. PURPOSE OF ESCAP RESOLUTION

IS TO SEEK COORDINATING ROLE FOR ESCAP TO ENABLE IT
TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR CIRDA. USREP AT FAO
SHOULD HAVE MORE DETAILS ON THIS.
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